

have an unprecedented opportunity to prepare for the challenges of the next century: to keep America free and secure, to improve health care and education, to bring the opportunities of the Information Age into every home and classroom, and to strengthen the bonds of our national community as we grow more racially and ethnically diverse.

On this Independence Day, as we celebrate our rights and freedoms and look forward to a new century of limitless possibilities, Hillary joins me in wishing you a wonderful Fourth of July.

**Bill Clinton**

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting a Report on the  
Conventional Armed Forces in  
Europe Treaty**

*July 1, 1998*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

In accordance with Condition (14)(B) of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted by the Senate of the United States on May 14, 1997, enclosed is the Report on CFE Treaty Designated Permanent Storage Sites (DPSS).

The Report is provided in both a classified and unclassified form.

Sincerely,

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Richard A. Gephardt, House minority leader; and Jesse Helms, chairman, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Executive Order 13090—President's  
Commission on the Celebration of  
Women in American History**

*June 29, 1998*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Fed-

eral Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), and in order to celebrate the role of women in American history, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Establishment.** There is established the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History ("Commission"). The Commission shall be composed of not more than 11 members appointed by the President from the public and private sectors. The public sector members shall include such persons as the President deems appropriate, including (a) the Assistant to the President and Director of Communications and (b) a person recommended by and who shall be the representative of the Administrator of General Services. The President may designate two members as Co-Chairs of the Commission. The private sector members shall represent entities interested in the Commission's work on American history, particularly the history of women in America. These entities may include, but need not be limited to, academic institutions, business entities, labor organizations, public interest organizations, arts and humanities institutions, State and local governments, athletic groups, and organizations devoted to civil rights and opportunities for minorities and women. The private sector members shall not be considered special Government employees.

**Sec. 2. Functions.** (a) The Commission shall make recommendations to the President, through the Co-Chairs of the Commission, on ways to best acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in American history. Recommendations may include, among other things, the feasibility of a focal point for women's history located in Washington, D.C., and the use of the latest technology to connect existing and planned women's history sites, museums, and libraries.

(b) The Commission shall meet to carry out its work concerning the celebration of women in American history.

(c) The Commission shall report its recommendations, through the Co-Chairs of the Commission, in a final report to the President by March 1, 1999.

**Sec. 3. Administration.** (a) The heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to

the extent permitted by law and where practicable, provide the Co-Chairs of the Commission with such information with respect to women's history in America as the Co-Chairs may request.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their work on the Commission. While engaged in the work of the Commission, members appointed from the private sector may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701–5707).

(c) To the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, the General Services Administration shall provide the Commission with funding, administrative services, facilities, staff, and other support services necessary for the performance of the functions of the Commission. With respect to the Commission, the Administrator of General Services shall perform the administrative functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, except that of reporting to the Congress.

(d) The Commission shall terminate 60 days after the submission of its final report.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
June 29, 1998.

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NOTE: This Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 2 and it was published in the *Federal Register* on July 2.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting a Report on Most-  
Favored-Nation Status for Mongolia**  
July 1, 1998

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

On September 4, 1996, I determined and reported to the Congress that Mongolia was “not in violation of” the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed for the continuation of most-favored-nation sta-

tus for Mongolia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia. You will find that the report indicates continued Mongolian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

Sincerely,

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 2.

**Remarks in a Roundtable Discussion  
With Environmental Specialists in  
Guilin, China**

July 2, 1998

[*The discussion is joined in progress.*]

**Participant.** —the local government to stop the logging. But the local government is so poor, they ask for compensation. And then finally, the central Government agreed to give them 11 million RMB per year to stop the logging.

**The President.** Good.

**Participant.** So, now, well, for the time being, the monkeys are safe. This is one thing we have done. And I brought with me a picture of the monkeys and will give it to you as a gift.

**The President.** Oh, thank you.

**Participant.** So this is the only red-lipped primate besides human beings. And the total number of it is less than 12—

**The President.** My cousins. [*Laughter*] How many total number?

**Participant.** Less than 1,200.

**The President.** You know, in our country we have exactly the same issue. We have, in the Pacific Northwest and the West—California, Oregon, Washington—the U.S., we have—about 90 percent of our old-growth forest is gone. So now we have a law, a national law on endangered species, and it also protects the forest.